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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002 (Paper No. 16) in the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the application without prejudice as follows:

Please add the following section at page 1, below line 3:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application No. 10/139,477, filed ~~May 6, 2002, which is a divisional~~ of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/201,599, filed November 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,410,173 B1.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22, and 23 are presently pending in the application.